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TOPIC KVP at Object No X in Altwarp

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. From 27 April to 16 May 1953, the former ODD Camp in Altwarp housed an S-4 unit which allegedly was the only KVP unit of its kind and was a sort of an elite unit. The unit consisted of a battalion equipped with heavy mortars parked in the woods near the Haff, a battalion of DO-type rocket launchers, a special battalion of infantry, chiefly armed with submachine guns and two gas details which were the first with the KVP. A gas officer was attached to these details. The total strength of the S-6 unit was indicated by a board in the guard house as 1,480 troops. The unit had arrived from Frankenberg via Chemnitz and appeared to be especially disciplined. Major Auerbach (fnu) was G-3 and Lieutenant Schleeft (fnu) was officer in charge of rear services. Source learned that other units would later be activated from personnel detached from this unit.¹
2. An S-5 unit which was commanded by Major Boerner (fnu) was located in the summer camp south of the barracks installation during the period of observation. Captain Knuth (fnu) was officer in charge of rear services. The unit consisted of an AAA battalion equipped with 85-mm AA guns and another AAA battalion equipped with guns of undetermined caliber, two platoons equipped with 20-mm twin-barreled AA guns and two platoons of snipers. Motor vehicles available to the unit which had a strength of about 1,500 men were 50 IFA-type trucks stored ready for operation, 20 IFA-type trucks in need of repair and 18 to 20 factory-new 3-axle Horch trucks which arrived on 3 May. Eighteen T-43 tanks of undetermined assignment were also at the summer camp.²
3. On two days of the week between 11 and 16 May 1953, source heard and partially saw firing practices of 85-mm AA guns. Between 20 and 30 discharges were heard between 11 a.m. and noon on the two days. Source believed that the guns were emplaced in Jagen (forest section) No 4 at Moritzberg. The area there was deforested in the direction of the sea shore and the Marsen Forestry. A captive balloon which had a mooring cable to the shore was northwest of the forestry over the water. Heavy wind falls downed the balloon up to about 200 meters above the water.³

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- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. It is believed that the unit seen at Camp Altwarp is the mortar regiment of the mechanized division in Eggesin which had been quartered in Frankenberg up to April 1953. Major Auerbach is known as chief of staff of this regiment from information supplied by deserters. The strength and organization stated deviate, however, from information on Frankenberg, where the mortar regiment was reported to have had a strength of about 800 to 1,000 men and mortar equipment. The Do-type weapons are rocket launchers.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. Major Boerner (fnu) is commanding officer of the AAA regiment of the mechanized division in Eggesin. It had not previously been reported that this regiment is equipped with 85-mm AA guns. Concordant informations by deserters confirm that the AAA regiment is organized into three battalions each with 12 x 37-mm AA guns. The AAA regiment of Armee Gruppe Nord with Captain Bahr (fnu) as commanding officer has 85-mm AA guns. The guns of this caliber seen possibly belong to the AAA regiment of Captain Bahr.
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. Information by other sources indicates that during the period mentioned the firing practices of all AAA units of Armee Gruppe Nord were conducted on the Baltic Sea shore, possibly in the area of Altwarp. []
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